



PRAYER CALENDAR

March 2024

“Be alert and always keep on praying
for all the Lord’s people.”

EPHESIANS 3:18

MARCH

| North Korea

Friday 1 March

North Korea is in the last weeks of winter – the most difficult time in the country. No heaters, little food. Currently, the majority of North Koreans struggle with food insecurity. Pray for hidden manna for the underground Church.

Saturday 2 March

In North Korea, the law is not for the country's citizens. Rather, it exists for and caters for the ruling Kim family. Pray for justice and provision for North Koreans, especially the estimated 400 000 secret Christians.

Sunday 3 March

Sun-Ae*, a woman in an Open Doors safe house in a neighbouring country, requests prayer for her two sisters who are still inside North Korea. She hasn't heard from them in months. Pray for peace for Sun-Ae and protection over her sisters.

Monday 4 March

Through our networks in China, Open Doors supports North Korean Christians with food, medicine, clothes, safe houses and Bible studies. Pray for protection over this network.

Tuesday 5 March

Pray for mothers and fathers in North Korea who worry how they will feed their children. The government has applied taxes that have increased food costs even more.

Wednesday 6 March

Pray for our field workers outside North Korea, who must be alert to any sign of a problem. They ask us to pray specifically for opportunities and "protection from deceiving spirits".

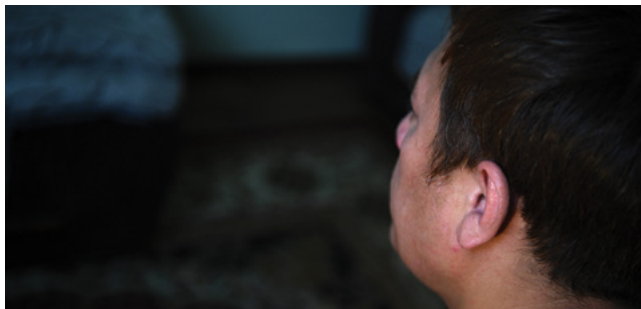
Thursday 7 March

North Korean believers tell us they live by God's grace. One Christian recently shared: "We run with strength to the beautiful future that our Lord has promised us." Pray they would not lose hope in Jesus.

| Central Asia

Friday 8 March

Ahmad* grew up in a Muslim family. *Ahmad is praying for his family.*



family in Central Asia and two years ago gave his life to Christ. Praise God for people who share the Gospel and Ahmad's courage to trust Jesus!

Saturday 9 March

Pray for your brother Ahmad's protection. His neighbours brutally beat him for sharing the Gospel with them. He continues to face ongoing threats, yet still chooses to share Jesus.

Sunday 10 March

Ahmad is praying specifically for his family and friends to know the Jesus he has met and trusts. He asks: "Pray that God would work through me to touch the hearts of my relatives, friends and neighbours."

Monday 11 March

Pray with your sister Tilana*, in Central Asia. When her husband, a Muslim, discovered that she had a Bible, he viciously beat her with sticks. She feared for her life. Pray for her physical healing. Ask God to ease her pain, to heal her and restore her.

Tuesday 12 March

Tilana shared that when her husband learned she was a secret Christian, he shouted at her non-stop for four hours, humiliating and tearing her down with his words. Pray for Tilana's emotional healing and God's comfort.

Wednesday 13 March

For hours, Tilana's husband interrogated her, relentlessly asking who led her to accept another faith. Pray for

protection over the evangelist who shared the Gospel with her. Tilana's husband threatened the evangelist's life too.

Thursday 14 March

Tilana is currently living in her parents' house and fears for her life in what continues to be a hostile environment. Her family doesn't support her conversion, and she feels alone. Please pray for her perseverance.

Friday 15 March

Praise God for His leading and that our sister Mahri*, has begun college miles away in another city, away from her abusive aunt, a Muslim who often taunted her and refused to let her attend church.

Mahri is beginning a new life at college.



Saturday 16 March

After receiving numerous cards and letters of encouragement from Open Doors supporters around the world, Mahri shared with our local partner: "Thank you for your messages of love. Pray for my safety."

Sunday 17 March

Mahri is asking us to pray for her protection and also that she would have community in her new home. “Pray that God will help me find brothers and sisters. I’m longing for a new family,” she says.

| The Gulf Region

Monday 18 March

Pray for protection over the ministry happening at ALIVE literacy centres. It’s helping people of all ages to learn to read and write and spend time discovering the promises, comfort and hope in God’s Word.

Tuesday 19 March

Pray for resilience and strength for ALIVE teachers who are targeted and threatened to stay away from potential students working for drug lords in the area.

Wednesday 20 March

Pray for the safety of ALIVE teachers, Anam* and Raida*. Illiteracy keeps Christians from knowing their worth. The two sisters are risking their lives and livelihood to follow God’s call and bring hope.

| Laos

Thursday 21 March

Persecution has risen sharply in Laos – #21 on the 2024 World Watch List. Pray with our local partners as they respond to increasing incidents of violence.

Friday 22 March

In Laos’ northwest region,

authorities attempted to stop construction on a building for a growing house church. Three of the church’s leaders were arrested. Pray for these church leaders’ safe release.

Saturday 23 March

Praise God that those leaders did not back down – despite knowing that halting their plans would win them freedom. Pray that God will continue to bless and protect those resilient leaders.

Sunday 24 March

Pray with the sons of a pastor who were detained by police for leading a Bible study. Ask God to help all three men persevere in their calling to teach God’s Word.

Monday 25 March

Pray that God would watch over the believers who were bold and opened their home to host the Bible study. They could face oppression and even violence from villagers.

| Iran

Tuesday 26 March

Pray right now that God would confuse any plans for Easter attacks on house churches. Christians often see an increase in raids on house churches and homes, as well as arrests.

Wednesday 27 March

Praise God! Reportedly, in 2023 at least nine Christians in Iran serving long prison sentences because of their faith were paroled and released.**

Thursday 28 March

Pray with four Iranian Christians who were arrested in a raid on a house-church gathering. Pray for their safe and expedient release and that they would see God's hand continue to move in their lives.**

Friday 29 March

One of the believers arrested is a refugee from Afghanistan. Pray that God would bring comfort and peace in unexpected ways to this believer far from home. He is likely scared and feeling alone. Pray that he would sense our prayers.**

Saturday 30 March

Pray by name for your brother, Esmaeil Narimanpour, a new convert in Iran. After being forced into "re-education" sessions with an Islamic cleric, he has now been arrested. Pray that he would continue to seek and trust God in these trials.

Sunday 31 March

This Easter Sunday, pray that the world's more than 365 million persecuted Christians would grasp the hope and peace of Christ's resurrection. Pray for protection over church services and that many will hear the Gospel and trust God.

Iranian secret believers.



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